

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/608,082, filed June 30, 2000, and entitled "Powering A Notebook Across A USB Interface."~~Not applicable.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The communication and control logic **250**, after positively identifying the laptop as capable of receiving power, informs the voltage ramp logic **210** across the ramp signal line **212-213** to ramp the voltage on the positive USB power rail **244, 144** up to approximately 18 volts. Voltage ramp logic **210** couples to an 18 volt supply **212** which preferably comes from a power supply (not specifically shown).